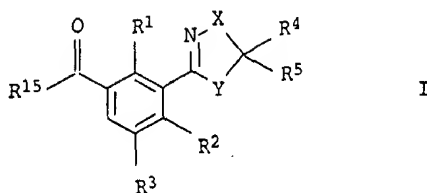


We claim

1. A 3-heterocyclyl-substituted benzoyl derivative of the formula I



where the variables have the following meanings:

R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup> are hydrogen, nitro, halogen, cyano, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-haloalkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-haloalkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylthio, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-haloalkylthio, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylsulfinyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-haloalkylsulfinyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylsulfonyl or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-haloalkylsulfonyl;

R<sup>3</sup> is hydrogen, halogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl;

R<sup>4</sup>, R<sup>5</sup> are hydrogen, halogen, cyano, nitro, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, di(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy)-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, di(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl)-amino-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, [2,2-di(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl)-1-hydrazino]-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyliminoxy-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxycarbonyl-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylthio-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-cyanoalkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-cycloalkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy-C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkoxy, hydroxyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylcarbonyloxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylthio, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkylthio, di(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl)amino, COR<sup>6</sup>, phenyl or benzyl, it being possible for the two last-mentioned substituents to be fully or partially halogenated and/or to have attached to them one to three of the following groups:  
nitro, cyano, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkoxy;

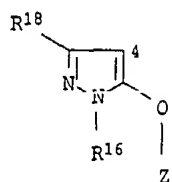
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- 5         $R^4$  and  $R^5$  together form a  $C_2-C_6$ -alkanediyl chain which can be mono- to tetrasubstituted by  $C_1-C_4$ -alkyl and/or which can be interrupted by oxygen or by a nitrogen which is unsubstituted or substituted by  $C_1-C_4$ -alkyl;
- or
- 10        $R^4$  and  $R^5$  together with the corresponding carbon form a carbonyl or thiocarbonyl group;
- 15        $R^6$  is hydrogen,  $C_1-C_4$ -alkyl,  $C_1-C_4$ -haloalkyl,  $C_1-C_4$ -alkoxy,  $C_1-C_4$ -alkoxy- $C_2-C_4$ -alkoxy,  $C_1-C_4$ -haloalkoxy,  $C_3-C_6$ -alkenyloxy,  $C_3-C_6$ -alkynyloxy or  $NR^7R^8$ ;
- 20        $R^7$  is hydrogen or  $C_1-C_4$ -alkyl;
- $R^8$  is  $C_1-C_4$ -alkyl;
- X is O, S,  $NR^9$ , CO or  $CR^{10}R^{11}$ ;
- 25       Y is O, S,  $NR^{12}$ , CO or  $CR^{13}R^{14}$ ;
- $R^9$ ,  $R^{12}$  are hydrogen or  $C_1-C_4$ -alkyl;
- 30        $R^{10}$ ,  $R^{11}$ ,  $R^{13}$ ,  $R^{14}$  are hydrogen,  $C_1-C_4$ -alkyl,  $C_1-C_4$ -haloalkyl,  $C_1-C_4$ -alkoxycarbonyl,  $C_1-C_4$ -haloalkoxycarbonyl or  $CONR^7R^8$ ;
- or
- 35        $R^4$  and  $R^9$  or  $R^4$  and  $R^{10}$  or  $R^5$  and  $R^{12}$  or  $R^5$  and  $R^{13}$  together form a  $C_2-C_6$ -alkanediyl chain which can be mono- to tetrasubstituted by  $C_1-C_4$ -alkyl and/or interrupted by oxygen or by a nitrogen which is unsubstituted
- 40       or substituted by  $C_1-C_4$ -alkyl;
- $R^{15}$  is a pyrazole of the formula II which is linked in the 4-position
- 45

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where

R<sup>16</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl;Z is H or SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>17</sup>;

R<sup>17</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkyl, phenyl or phenyl which is partially or fully halogenated and/or has attached to it one to three of the following groups: nitro, cyano, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkoxy;

R<sup>18</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl;

where X and Y are not simultaneously sulfur;

with the exception of

4-[2-chloro-3-(4,5-dihydroisoxazol-3-yl)-4-methylsulfonyl-benzoyl]-1-ethyl-5-hydroxy-1H-pyrazole,

4-[2-chloro-3-(4,5-dihydroisoxazol-3-yl)-4-methylsulfonyl-benzoyl]-1,3-dimethyl-5-hydroxy-1H-pyrazole,

4-[2-chloro-3-(5-cyano-4,5-dihydroisoxazol-3-yl)-4-methylsulfonylbenzoyl]-1,3-dimethyl-5-hydroxy-1H-pyrazole,

4-[2-chloro-3-(4,5-dihydrothiazol-2-yl)-4-methylsulfonyl-benzoyl]-1,3-dimethyl-5-hydroxy-1H-pyrazole and

4-[2-chloro-3-(thiazoline-4,5-dion-2-yl)-4-methylsulfonyl-benzoyl]-1,3-dimethyl-5-hydroxy-1H-pyrazole;

or an agriculturally useful salt thereof.

2. A 3-heterocyclyl-substituted benzoyl derivative of the formula I where the variables have the following meanings:

R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup> are hydrogen, nitro, halogen, cyano, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-haloalkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-haloalkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylthio, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-haloalkylthio,

C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylsulfinyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-haloalkylsulfinyl,  
C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylsulfonyl or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-haloalkylsulfonyl;

- 5 R<sup>3</sup> is hydrogen, halogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl;
- 10 R<sup>4</sup>, R<sup>5</sup> are hydrogen, halogen, cyano, nitro, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl,  
C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, di(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy)-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-  
alkyl, di(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl)-amino-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl,  
[2,2-di(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl)-1-hydrazino]-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl,  
C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyliminoxy-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxycarbonyl-  
C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylthio-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl,  
C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-cyanoalkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-cycloalkyl,  
C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy-C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy,  
C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylthio,  
15 C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkylthio, di(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl)amino, COR<sup>6</sup>,  
phenyl or benzyl, it being possible for the two  
last-mentioned substituents to be fully or partially  
halogenated and/or to have attached to them one to  
20 three of the following groups:  
nitro, cyano, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkyl,  
C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkoxy;
- 25 or
- R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> together form a C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkanediyl chain which can be  
mono- to tetrasubstituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl and/or  
which can be interrupted by oxygen or by a  
nitrogen which is unsubstituted or substituted by  
30 C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl;
- 35 or
- R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> together with the corresponding carbon form a  
carbonyl or thiocarbonyl group;
- 40 R<sup>6</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy,  
C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy-C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkoxy,  
C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkenyloxy, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkynyloxy or NR<sup>7</sup>R<sup>8</sup>;
- R<sup>7</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl;
- 45 R<sup>8</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl;

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X is O, S, NR<sup>9</sup>, CO or CR<sup>10</sup>R<sup>11</sup>;

Y is O, S, NR<sup>12</sup>, CO or CR<sup>13</sup>R<sup>14</sup>;

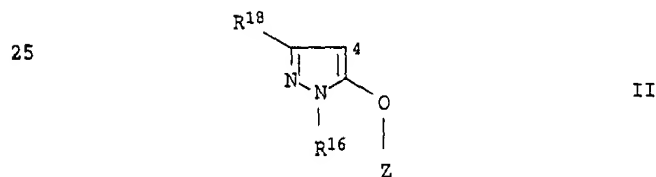
5 R<sup>9</sup>, R<sup>12</sup> are hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl;

R<sup>10</sup>, R<sup>11</sup>, R<sup>13</sup>, R<sup>14</sup> are hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkyl,  
C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxycarbonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkoxycarbonyl or  
10 CONR<sup>7</sup>R<sup>8</sup>;

or

15 R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>9</sup> or R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>10</sup> or R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>12</sup> or R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>13</sup> together  
form a C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkanediyl chain which can be mono- to  
tetrasubstituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl and/or interrupted  
by oxygen or by a nitrogen which is unsubstituted  
or substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl;

20 R<sup>15</sup> is a pyrazole of the formula II which is linked in  
the 4-position



30 where

R<sup>16</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl;

35 Z is H or SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>17</sup>;

R<sup>17</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkyl, phenyl or  
phenyl which is partially or fully  
40 halogenated and/or has attached to it one  
to three of the following groups:  
nitro, cyano, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkyl,  
C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkoxy;

45 R<sup>18</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl;

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where X and Y are not simultaneously oxygen or sulfur;

with the exception of

- 5 4-[2-chloro-3-(4,5-dihydroisoxazol-3-yl)-4-methylsulfonyl-  
benzoyl]-1-ethyl-5-hydroxy-1H-pyrazole,  
4-[2-chloro-3-(4,5-dihydroisoxazol-3-yl)-4-methylsulfonyl-  
benzoyl]-1,3-dimethyl-5-hydroxy-1H-pyrazole,  
4-[2-chloro-3-(5-cyano-4,5-dihydroisoxazol-3-yl)-4-methyl-  
sulfonylbenzoyl]-1,3-dimethyl-5-hydroxy-1H-pyrazole,  
10 4-[2-chloro-3-(4,5-dihydrothiazol-2-yl)-4-methylsulfonyl-  
benzoyl]-1,3-dimethyl-5-hydroxy-1H-pyrazole and  
4-[2-chloro-3-(thiazoline-4,5-dion-2-yl)-4-methylsulfonyl-  
benzoyl]-1,3-dimethyl-5-hydroxy-1H-pyrazole;

- 15 or an agriculturally useful salt thereof.

3. A 3-heterocyclyl-substituted benzoyl derivative of the  
formula I as claimed in claim 1 or 2, where R<sup>3</sup> is hydrogen.

- 20 4. A 3-heterocyclyl-substituted benzoyl derivative of the  
formula I as claimed in any of claims 1 to 3, where

- 25 R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup> are nitro, halogen, cyano, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl,  
C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-haloalkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-haloalkoxy,  
C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylthio, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-haloalkylthio,  
C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylsulfinyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-haloalkylsulfinyl,  
C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylsulfonyl or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-haloalkylsulfonyl.

- 30 5. A 3-heterocyclyl-substituted benzoyl derivative of the  
formula I as claimed in any of claims 1 to 4, where Z is  
SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>17</sup>.

- 35 6. A 3-heterocyclyl-substituted benzoyl derivative of the  
formula I as claimed in any of claims 1 to 4, where Z is  
hydrogen.

- 40 7. A 3-heterocyclyl-substituted benzoyl derivative of the  
formula I as claimed in any of claims 1 to 4 or 6, where X is  
oxygen and Y is CR<sup>13</sup>R<sup>14</sup>.

- 45 8. A 3-heterocyclyl-substituted benzoyl derivative of the  
formula I as claimed in any of claims 1 to 4 or 6 or 7, where

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- R<sup>4</sup> is halogen, nitro, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl,  
 C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl,  
 C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxycarbonyl-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl,  
 C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylthio-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkyl,  
 C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-cyanoalkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-cycloalkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy,  
 C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy-C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkoxy,  
 C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylthio, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkylthio,  
 di(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl)amino, COR<sup>6</sup>, phenyl or benzyl, it  
 being possible for the two last-mentioned  
 substituents to be partially or fully halogenated  
 and/or to have attached to them one to three of  
 the following groups:  
 nitro, cyano, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkyl,  
 C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkoxy;
- R<sup>5</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl;
- or
- R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> together form a C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkanediyl chain which can be  
 mono- to tetrasubstituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl and/or  
 which can be interrupted by oxygen or by a  
 nitrogen which is unsubstituted or substituted by  
 C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl;
- or
- R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>13</sup> together form a C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkanediyl chain which can be  
 mono- to tetrasubstituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl and/or  
 which can be interrupted by oxygen or by a  
 nitrogen which is unsubstituted or substituted by  
 C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl.
9. A 3-heterocyclyl-substituted benzoyl derivative of the  
 formula I as claimed in any of claims 1 to 4 or 6 to 8, where
- R<sup>4</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkyl,  
 C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxycarbonyl or CONR<sup>7</sup>R<sup>8</sup>;
- R<sup>5</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl;
- or

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5         $R^4$  and  $R^5$  together form a  $C_2-C_6$ -alkanediyl chain which can be mono- to tetrasubstituted by  $C_1-C_4$ -alkyl and/or which can be interrupted by oxygen or by a nitrogen which is unsubstituted or substituted by  $C_1-C_4$ -alkyl;

or

10         $R^5$  and  $R^{13}$  together form a  $C_2-C_6$ -alkanediyl chain which can be mono- to tetrasubstituted by  $C_1-C_4$ -alkyl and/or which can be interrupted by oxygen or by a nitrogen which is unsubstituted or substituted by  $C_1-C_4$ -alkyl.

15        10. A 3-heterocyclyl-substituted benzoyl derivative of the formula I as claimed in any of claims 1 to 4 or 6 or 7, where  $R^4$  and  $R^5$  are hydrogen.

20        11. A 3-heterocyclyl-substituted benzoyl derivative of the formula I as claimed in any of claims 1 to 4 or 6 or 7 or 10, where  $R^{18}$  is hydrogen.

25        12. 4-[2-Chloro-3-(4,5-dihydroisoxazol-3-yl)-4-methylsulfonyl-benzoyl]-1-methyl-5-hydroxy-1H-pyrazole.

30        13. An agriculturally useful salt of 4-[2-chloro-3-(4,5-dihydroisoxazol-3-yl)-4-methylsulfonylbenzoyl]-1-methyl-5-hydroxy-1H-pyrazole.

14. A 3-heterocyclyl-substituted benzoyl derivative of the formula I as claimed in any of claims 1 to 4 or 6, where

35        X is S,  $NR^9$ , CO or  $CR^{10}R^{11}$ ;

or

40        Y is O, S,  $NR^{12}$  or CO.

15. A 3-heterocyclyl-substituted benzoyl derivative of the formula I as claimed in any of claims 1 to 4 or 6 or 14, where  $R^{18}$  is hydrogen.

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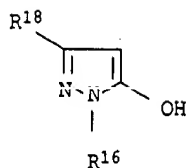
16. A 3-heterocyclyl-substituted benzoyl derivative of the formula I as claimed in any of claims 1 to 4 or 6 or 14, where

- 5         $R^4$         is halogen, cyano, nitro,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl,  
                   $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkoxy- $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl,  
                   $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkoxycarbonyl- $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl,  
                   $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkylthio- $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -haloalkyl,  
                   $C_1$ - $C_4$ -cyanoalkyl,  $C_3$ - $C_8$ -cycloalkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkoxy,  
 10         $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkoxy- $C_2$ - $C_4$ -alkoxy,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -haloalkoxy,  
                   $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkylthio,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -haloalkylthio,  
                  di( $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl)amino,  $COR^6$ , phenyl or benzyl, it  
                  being possible for the two last-mentioned  
 15        substituents to be partially or fully halogenated  
                  and/or to have attached to them one to three of  
                  the following groups:  
                  nitro, cyano,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -haloalkyl,  
                   $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkoxy or  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -haloalkoxy;
- 20         $R^5$         is hydrogen or  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl;  
                  or
- 25         $R^4$  and  $R^5$  together form a  $C_2$ - $C_6$ -alkanediyl chain which can be  
                  mono- to tetrasubstituted by  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl and/or  
                  which can be interrupted by oxygen or by a  
                  nitrogen which is unsubstituted or substituted by  
                   $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl;
- 30        or
- 35         $R^4$  and  $R^9$  or  $R^4$  and  $R^{10}$  or  $R^5$  and  $R^{12}$  or  $R^5$  and  $R^{13}$  together  
                  form a  $C_2$ - $C_6$ -alkanediyl chain which can be mono- to  
                  tetrasubstituted by  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl and/or which can be  
                  interrupted by oxygen or by a nitrogen which is  
                  unsubstituted or substituted by  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl;
- 40         $R^{18}$         is  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl.

17. A process for the preparation of 3-heterocyclyl-substituted benzoyl derivatives of the formula I as claimed in claim 1, which comprises acylating the pyrazole of the formula II  
 45        where  $Z = H$ , where the variables  $R^{16}$  and  $R^{18}$  have the meanings given under claim 1,

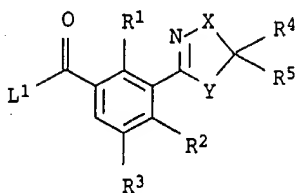
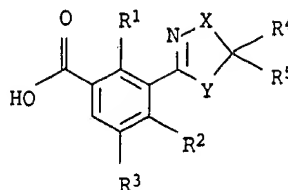
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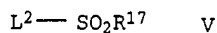


II (where Z = H)

with an activated carboxylic acid III $\alpha$  or with a carboxylic acid III $\beta$ ,

III $\alpha$ III $\beta$ 

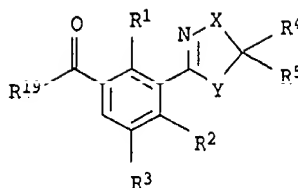
where the variables R<sup>1</sup> to R<sup>5</sup>, X and Y have the meanings given under claim 1 and L<sup>1</sup> is a nucleophilically displaceable leaving group, subjecting the acylation product to a rearrangement reaction in the presence or absence of a catalyst to give the compounds I (where Z = H) and, if desired, to prepare 3-heterocycl-yl-substituted benzoyl derivatives of the formula I where Z = SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>17</sup>, reacting the product with a compound of the formula V,



where R<sup>17</sup> has the meaning given under claim 1 and L<sup>2</sup> is a nucleophilically displaceable leaving group.

18. A 3-heterocycl-yl-substituted benzoic acid derivative of the formula III,

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where R<sup>19</sup> is hydroxyl or a radical which can be removed by hydrolysis and variables R<sup>1</sup> to R<sup>5</sup>, X and Y have the meanings given under the claims 1 to 16, with the exception of methyl 2-chloro-3-(4,5-dihydroisoxazol-3-yl)-4-methylsulfonylbenzoate, methyl 2-chloro-3-(4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)-4-methylsulfonylbenzoate and methyl 2,4-dichloro-3-(5-methylcarbonyloxy-4,5-dihydroisoxazol-3-yl)benzoate.

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19. A 3-heterocyclyl-substituted benzoic acid derivative of the formula III as claimed in claim 18 where the variables R<sup>1</sup> to R<sup>5</sup>, X and Y have the meanings given under claims 2 to 16.

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20. A 3-heterocyclyl-substituted benzoic acid derivative of the formula III as claimed in either of claims 18 or 19, where

R<sup>19</sup> is halogen, hydroxyl or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkoxy.

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21. A composition comprising a herbicidally active amount of at least one 3-heterocyclyl-substituted benzoyl derivative of the formula I or of an agriculturally useful salt of I as claimed in any of claims 1 to 16, and auxiliaries conventionally used for the formulation of crop protection products.

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22. A process for the preparation of a composition as claimed in claim 21, which comprises mixing a herbicidally active amount of at least one 3-heterocyclyl-substituted benzoyl derivative of the formula I or of an agriculturally useful salt of I as claimed in any of claims 1 to 16 and auxiliaries conventionally used for the formulation of crop protection products.

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23. A method of controlling undesirable vegetation, which comprises allowing a herbicidally active amount of at least one 3-heterocyclyl-substituted benzoyl derivative of the

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formula I or of an agriculturally useful salt of I as claimed in any of claims 1 to 16 to act on plants, their environment and/or on seeds.

- 5 24. The use of a 3-heterocyclyl-substituted benzoyl derivative of the formula I or an agriculturally useful salt thereof as claimed in any of claims 1 to 16 as herbicide.

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